

**Remarks.**

Allowability of claims 17-21, 23, 25-26, 27 and 28 is acknowledged.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments hereby submitted for approval be entered in the application.

Following to the Examiner's objections to claim 14, such claim has been amended by addition of the features

*"additional supporting seats provided both at said first and second profiled elements; said grill-like wall elements being removably accommodated and retained in said additional supporting seats and..."*

which are clearly and unambiguously shown and derivable from the specification, as filed.

The specification page 3 has been amended to only provide terminological basis to the features added to claim 14. The numeral 40 has been added to identify for the reader convenience the additional seat in which the grill walls are accommodated.

No new matter has been added to the specification.

It is submitted that now claim 14 clearly define the modular cage 10, in which the frame and the walls are provided as separate pieces assemblable by the user.

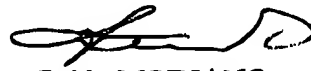
Neither Daily or Chiu, nor any of the other cited documents disclose or suggest the modular cage with profiled elements, corner joints and grill walls provided separate and assemblable, as set forth in amended claim 14.

It is now believed that claims 14-28 and, accordingly, the application are an allowable condition and allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

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While it is believed that the amended claims properly and clearly define the present invention, applicant would be open to any suggestion or amendment the Examiner may have or propose concerning different claim phraseology which, in the Examiner's opinion, more accurately defines the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Encl.: Two Sketches showing hand-amended Figures 1, 8 and 9.**